

U.S. Department of Labor

Benefits Review Board  
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## NOTICE

### **FOR ALL LITIGANTS BEFORE THE BENEFITS REVIEW BOARD:**

In order to ensure the prompt processing of all attorney fee petitions, the Board recently reviewed its policy with respect to the consideration of untimely filed fee petitions and responses. *See* 20 C.F.R. §§802.203(c); 802.219(e). Effective March 1, 2017, all attorney fee petitions and responses thereto shall be filed within the timeframes set forth in the aforementioned regulations. The Board will not consider an untimely fee petition or response thereto, unless it is accompanied by a request to accept the untimely filing that sets forth the reasons for the request. *See* 20 C.F.R. § 802.217(e). The Board will evaluate each request on a case by case basis.

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Thomas O. Shepherd, Jr.  
Clerk of the Appellate Boards